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SUBJECT: PRESS COMMENTS BY PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT AND FOREIGN  
MINISTER CHATCHAI ON SENATOR MANSFIELD'S REMARKS OF OCT 15

1. 1. SUMMARY : FOL ARE USIS TRANSLATIONS OF REMARKS MADE BY  
PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT AND FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI OCT 16  
IN SEPARATE COMMENTS TO PRESS IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS REGARD-  
ING SENATOR MANSFIELD'S REMARKS IN WASHINGTON OF OCT 14.  
SENATOR MANSFIELD WAS QUOTED IN BANGKOK PRESS AS URGING AN  
EN TO SEATO AND TO ECONOMIC AID TO THAILAND. END SUMMARY

QUOTE QUESTION (TO PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT); SENATOR MIKE  
MANSFIELD HAS SAID THAT WHEN THAILAND BECOMES NEUTRAL, HE  
WILL PROPOSE THAT THE UNITED STATES STOP GIVING AID TO IT.  
KHUKRIT: WHAT DOES THAT WORD QTE NEUTRAL END QTE MEAN, AS  
USED BY MR. MANSFIELD? IT IS NOT INDIA'S FORM OF NEUTRALITY,  
NEITHER DOES IT MEAN IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR US TO JOIN  
THE GROUP OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. WE WILL CONTINUE  
PROMOTING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES WHICH ARE  
OUR FRIENDS AND WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. AT THE SAME  
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TIME, HOWEVER, WE WILL NOT FIGHT SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER

WITH AMERICAN. WE WILL BE FULLY INDEPENDENT IN ALL DECISIONS WE MAKE, AND THIS IS WHAT IS CALLED BEING NEUTRAL.

QUESTION ( TO KHUKRIT): WHAT RESULTS WILL THERE BE, FROM THE ANGLE OF AMERICAN AID TO US BEING CUT OFF?

KHUKRIT: OF COURSE THERE WILL BE (SIC). WHEN A PERSON WITH WHOM MUTUAL LOVE EXISTED STOPS GIVING AID, IT RESULTS IN A CHANGE OF HEART. AM I NOT RIGHT? END QTE

QUESTION ADDRESSED TO FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI ASKED WHAT REPERCUSSIONS A CUT-OFF OF AID WOULD HAVE FOR THAILAND.

QTE CHATCHAI: I DON'T CONSIDER THAT IT HAS ANY REPERCUSSIONS AT ALL. WE MUST BE NEUTRAL. WE HAVE SAID ALREADY THAT WE ARE NEUTRAL. IT CAN BE SEEN WHAT IS MEANT BY NOT GIVING US AID BECAUSE WE ARE NEUTRAL. ISN'T THAT TRUE? IT IS TRYING TO USE INFLUENCE, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, TO PREVENT THAILAND FROM BEING NEUTRAL, FOR US TO HAVE TO DEPEND ON THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT END. THAT IS UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE. WE MUST BE FULLY INDEPENDENT, ESPECIALLY IN SOME MATTERS CONCERNING OUR INTERESTS. END QTE

COMMENT: ANSWERS BY BOTH KHUKRIT AND CHATCHAI WERE IMPROMPTU, DO NOT FULLY TRACK, AND CANNOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE STUDIED COMMENTS. HOWEVER, EMBASSY REPORTS THEM AS SOME VERSION OF THESE REMARKS MAY APPEAR IN U.S. PRESS, AND DEPT MAY WISH TO HAVE AVAILABLE FULL TEXT OF COMMENTS AS MADE.  
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